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# HISTORY OF THE AMPHITHEATRE AT JOHN HINKEL PARK

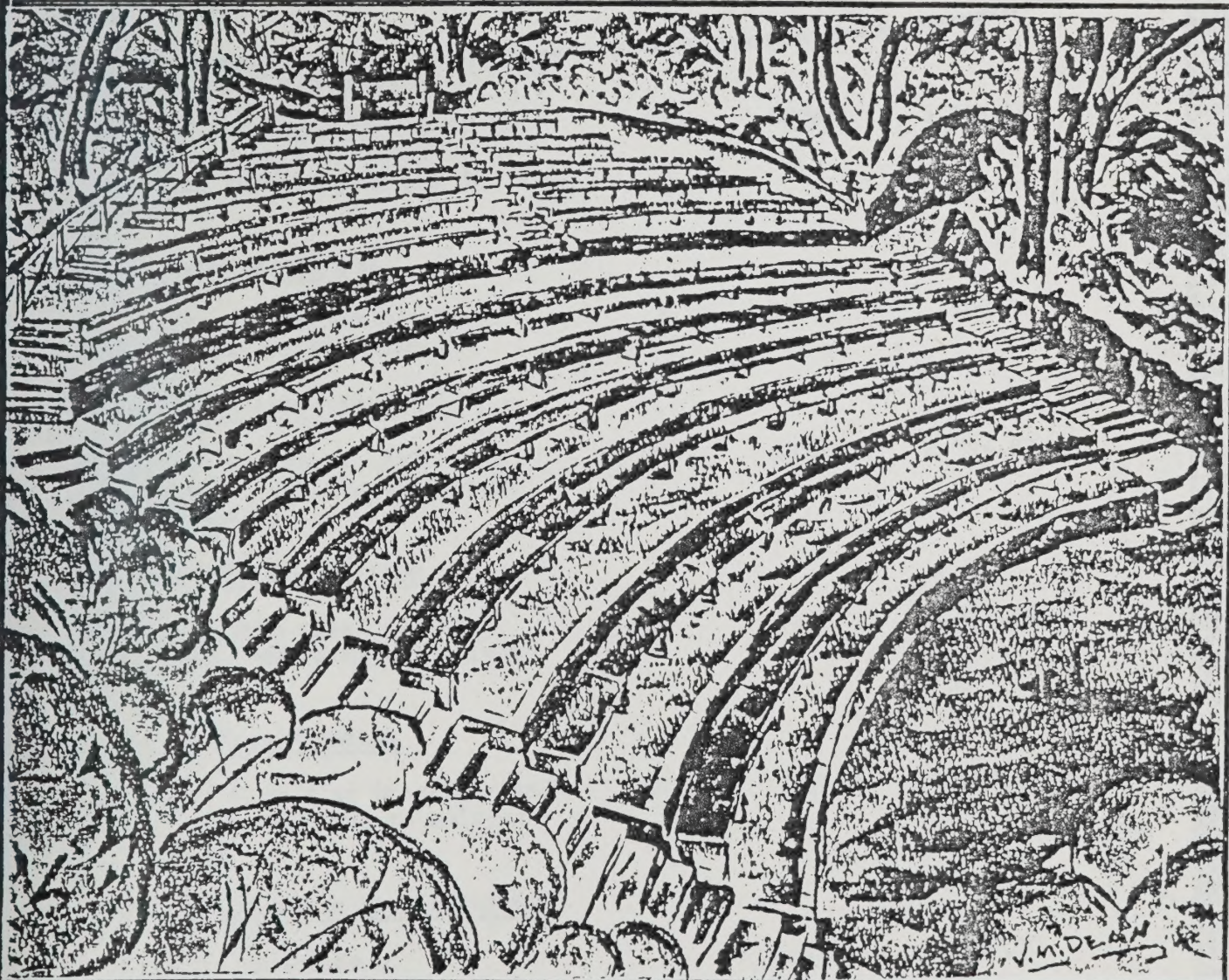
- 1) 1918 John Hinkel gives 5.4 acres of land to the City of Berkeley to be used as a public park.
- 2) 1934 The Amphitheatre is built under the Civil Works Administration program. It is designed by Berkeley landscape architect Vernon Dean. Seating capacity is 350 persons.
- 3) April 29, 1934 The Amphitheatre is dedicated with 600 people attending the ceremonies. "It is hoped that this outdoor theatre will supply a long-felt need and will provide wholesome entertainment for many interested in drama." (Berkeley Recreation Dept. Annual Report 1933/34)
- 4) 1934-1941 The Amphitheatre is regularly used for theatrical performances, including a summer drama season. Performances take place both in the afternoon and evening. The City maintains a lighting system for the theatre and more than 20 artists are funded by the WPA.
- 5) 1935-1936 A Shakespeare Festival is proposed for John Hinkel Amphitheatre. A permanent Shakespeare garden in John Hinkel Park is also planned.
- 6) 1941-1942 Because of World War II, the drama program is terminated and the use John Hinkel Amphitheatre declines.
- 7) 1956 Berkeley Committee on Parks' Long Range Plan lists John Hinkel Park as a city-wide facility with an open air theatre. The Amphitheatre is only occasionally used for public performances.
- 8) 1974 With the advent of the Berkeley Shakespeare Festival, the Amphitheatre at John Hinkel Park is again regularly used for theatrical performances; thus, re-establishing the original intent of its builders and the people of Berkeley.





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# BERKELEY RECREATION DEPARTMENT




*New Outdoor Amphitheatre — John Hinkel Park*

PLAYGROUNDS « PARKS » VACATION CAMPS

ANNUAL REPORT  
1933 - 1934





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<u>Project No.5-John Hinkel</u>	<u>No.of Men</u>	<u>Working Hours</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Construction of Outdoor Theater, repair and widen trails, building seats, grills, erosion dams, stone and log steps, and beautifying entire park.	10	2791	\$ 4,274.20

Project No.71-Northbrae-Cragmont Parking

Maintenance of parkings, Northbrae District, 17 miles; Cragmont District, 14 miles; planting shrubs according to landscape plans.	30	8829	5,573.19
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Project No.72-Public Safety

Trimming hedges and shrubs to clear intersections for traffic purposes	5	1152	783.65
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Project No.73-San Pablo Park Plgd

Construction of bleachers, installing drinking fountain, felling old trees, grubbing out stumps.	12	2975	2,794.60
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Project No.74-John Garbor Park

Improving roads into park, repairing walks and stops. Grubbing out poison oak.	11	3327	2,373.74
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Project No.113-Tree Planting

Planting 10,000 flowering trees in various sections of city according to uniform planting program	100	26645	25,330.19
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Project No.303-San Pablo Park Fireplace

Construction of fireplace	6	962	1,486.70
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Project No.357 - Codornices Playground

Developing park area, constructing tennis courts, retaining walls, trails, felling trees.	45	23589	21,622.83
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Project No.367-Garfield School Athletic Field

Cutting and filling on 7-acre tract, constructing running track and turf field	225	40513	48,081.92
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Totals -	444	110783	\$ 112,321.02
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# AR DECLINE CAUSE U.S. SHIPMENTS OF GOLD

**CHARD L. GRIDLEY**  
Press Staff Correspondent  
WATSON, April 21.—Author-  
ities today described the Ad-  
ams as "determined" for the  
prevent the American dollar  
below its gold parity even  
may become necessary to  
d exports to Europe.  
The American dollar, has  
skinned abroad. Yesterday  
fell below its new gold par-  
ity of 35-37 grains of gold.  
The prospect of such support  
either directly or in-  
the United States Govern-  
ment's decline continues.  
The Government was un-  
to have done so. It has  
announced last January by  
of Treasury Department  
sell gold at \$35 per ounce  
to foreign central banks  
the dollar reaches the "gold  
point" is the level  
in terms of the French  
gold currency at which  
the dollar is profitable for per-  
sons their foreign currencies  
in, buy gold from the  
Government at \$35  
and ship the metal back  
to the United States.

of only a few cents in the  
change value of the dollar  
the export of gold profitable.  
In Paris yesterday slipped  
98-100 cents of the dollar,  
to further de-  
the American support through-  
out the world.

The Commerce Depart-  
ment, in the policy of  
restriction, at least for the  
rather than use of its  
\$100 stabilization fund set up  
this ago to control the dol-  
lar's decline in the dollar  
by widespread rumors of  
valuation of the dollar, the  
current \$35 per ounce  
of gold or inflationary  
press, possibilities of a large  
of gold out of the United  
discounted.  
count of the \$200,000,000  
stabilization fund set up  
year out of the profits of  
devaluation is now being  
spent in exchange transac-  
tions for the time being.  
over exchange conditions  
ended through the medium  
gold shipments by private  
practice in which the Gov-  
ernment run no financial risk.

**PORT PROFIT RAYED**  
WATSON, April 21.—The dollar  
decline in terms of pri-  
currencies today, it was  
at which it would be  
export gold to Europe.

**WATSON PRICES**  
April 21.—The open  
price went to \$31.10 3/4  
today, with gold quot-  
ings eight points a fine  
pound at \$31.17 1/2. The  
price was 37 1/4 and at \$31.14 1/2 and the  
135 shillings 11 1/2 pence.

**DE CUT RUMORS**  
April 21.—Reports through-  
out the American dollar  
established as 50 cents in-  
present, 50.01 and the  
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ended at 18 to the dollar  
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the dollar for several  
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others.

# Insull, Denying Hidden Wealth, Cites Amazement at Generosity Of Friends Found in Adversity

**By THOMAS C. CONNELLEY**  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
(Copyright 1934 by the United Press)  
ABOARD A S. S. EXPLORER, OFF NORTH AFRICAN COAST, APRIL 21.—  
Insull is a "poor" man, the cheerful business executive has  
often of help from friends of "Insull's Men," he said the United Press  
today in an exclusive interview aboard the ship. "I am a poor man," he  
back to the United States for trial.  
Confined to his cabin by the examinations and the fact that the  
Exhibition plunged her way, the aged man, who has been almost  
almost in a whisper, scolding reports of a vast hidden fortune, denied  
the collapse of his middle west utilities empire.  
"The story that I brought \$20,000,000 in Europe is a lie," he said.  
"I am a poor man. I have been able to prevent the collapse  
of my interests using a little sense and the help of my friends."  
"During my stay in Europe I spent carefully, I never had any  
even this small expenditure was a heavy drain on me. I am a  
"I am not afraid," the white-haired former utilities executive said.  
"I am not afraid of the way through the fog-dimmed sea."  
He expressed extreme gratification for the efforts of friends who  
arranging the details of his defense on charges in Chicago.  
"When a man's down, he is generally abandoned but I am grateful to  
the number of friends who have helped me recently, more than I could  
suspected quarters," he concluded.  
Apparently more cheerful than at any time since his arrest, he  
ended the months-long efforts of American authorities to return the  
fugitive to his native land by releasing him to United States consular  
officials. He spoke freely of many matters pertaining to his "past business  
career." He declined, however, to discuss his defense in the "insider's trial"  
or to name his lawyers.  
"I must refrain from talking about pending developments until I  
may not materialize before I arrive in the United States," he explained  
apologetically.  
With a similar remark he was interrupted by a man in the kitchen who  
on Friday the 19th, on that he was asked to sit at the table.  
Deck steward revealed the former Chicago's Electric Light plant  
"feet first." He recently ordered his bedding changed around with  
the pillow astern to give himself a better light for his midnight reading.

# SEEK TO AVOID BANK BILL VOTE

**By United Press**  
WASHINGTON, April 21.—The  
House banking and currency com-  
mittee favorably reported today the  
McLeod bank deposit "payoff" bill in  
revised form, a procedure which it  
was believed will block a vote on the  
original measure by the petition route  
Monday.  
The committee had taken similar  
action earlier this week but since the  
measure was in committee at the time,  
the report was nullified, forcing re-con-  
sideration, resulting in today's second  
report.

The measure as reported is along  
the lines of the "McLeod" bill, but  
for full payment of state and national  
closed bank deposits of \$2500 or less.  
Rep. James P. Wolcott, Rep. Mich-  
igan, advocate of the McLeod bill, said in  
his opinion the action "blocks a vote  
on the McLeod petition." However,  
Speaker Henry T. Rainey probably  
will be asked to rule Monday on  
whether the measure should be taken  
into consideration today, he would rule  
the petition "dead." Opponents of the  
legislation may force a House vote on  
his ruling.

Twelve of the 18 members of the  
committee present were unanimously  
said to have voted for the favorable  
report and the remaining three voting  
"present."

**STOCK MARGIN ACTION**  
WASHINGTON, April 21.—A pro-  
vision to eliminate stock exchange  
marginal requirements of the stock  
exchange control bill was voted down  
today by the House Interstate and  
Foreign Commerce Committee.  
The committee adopted sections 7  
and 8 of the bill, placing restrictions  
on borrowing of member brokers and  
dealers and prohibiting employment  
of manipulating measures in attempt-  
ing to fix prices or create a false mar-  
ket.

# RAIL LABOR BANS CUT CONTINUATION

**By United Press**  
WASHINGTON, April 21.—Railroad  
labor leaders today refused to accept  
immediately President Roosevelt's  
proposal that workers continue under  
the present 10 per cent wage reduction  
for six months.  
When Joseph B. Eastman, Federal  
commissioner of transportation, asked  
upon union leaders for an answer,  
they discussed the question briefly  
and a final decision could not  
be reached until they had further in-  
structions from workers.  
"They just weren't in a position yet  
to give their answer," he said.

# PRESIDENT HEARS PLEA FOR SILVER

**By E. O. THOMPSON**  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, April 21.—The  
President today heard a plea for  
silver from the silver miners of the  
United States. The President heard  
and reviewed the matter today in  
his study.  
The conference, which was held in  
the White House, was attended by  
the President, the Vice President,  
the Secretary of the Interior, and  
other officials. The President heard  
the plea of the silver miners and  
the Vice President, the Secretary of  
the Interior, and other officials.

The following statement was made  
by Secretary Stephen T. Barkley  
after the meeting broke up:  
"There was a thorough discussion  
of the whole world monetary situa-  
tion, including gold and silver, and  
it will be further considered."  
The President's First Harrison cabinet  
of the Senate. The President's  
conclusion was that the silver  
miners' views were not entirely  
correct. He added, however, that the  
President gave a sympathetic hearing.  
Senator William King, Democrat,  
one of the prime movers for silver  
legislation, said there would be further  
conferences at the capital.  
"We canvassed the subject today,"  
said King.  
Senator William C. Coker, Repub-  
lican, attended the meeting and  
nothing to my own department."  
To questions as to whether he was  
encouraged by the hearing, he an-  
swered:  
"Well, look at me!"  
The group was with the President  
for nearly an hour and a half.  
Senator Harrison in elaborating on  
his remarks made it clear that he  
considered silver an administrative  
rather than a legislative question. He  
declared also that he felt no hesita-  
tion on the subject and that he was  
of the opinion the President's views  
were under the Thomas amendment.  
Harrison also indicated a hope-  
ful agreement might be worked out and  
a plan reached that will permit the  
President to invoke some of his pro-  
visions under the Thomas amendment.

Joining with communities through-  
out the State, Berkeley will partici-  
pate in the nineteenth annual observance of  
Public Schools Week beginning Mon-  
day, when recognition of the work will  
be featured in the Berkeley public  
schools and in civic and fraternal as-  
sociations and churches. The observ-  
ance in the public schools will include  
exhibits and demonstrations of school  
work in the various elementary and  
secondary schools throughout the city.

**SCHOOLS WEEK WILL  
BE OBSERVED HERE**

# AUTOIST FACES MANSLAUGHTER FOR DEATH OF GIRL

Charles Henry Jones, 34, of 1014  
Berkeley street, is the man who  
faced manslaughter charges today  
for the death of a 10-year-old girl.  
The girl, named Patricia Ann, of 11  
Berkeley street, was killed by a  
motor car driven by Jones on  
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# CANNON ACTS TO AVOID MISTRIAL

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Judge  
James Cannon, 54, is expected today  
in a hearing argument between pro-  
secution and defense counsel and  
prevent his attorney from arguing  
that the indictment is a "hoax."  
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defense counsel is expected to argue  
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# ALBANY COUNCIL TO OUST CHIEF AHLGREN

Chief Ahlgren, Albany's chief of  
the past four years, today had been  
notified that he would be ousted from  
office on May 1 and that John Riley,  
the chief of the Albany fire depart-  
ment, would be appointed to his  
place.  
Chief Ahlgren was appointed chief  
of the fire department four years ago  
at the time Benjamin M. M. M. M.  
the present mayor of Albany, Frank O.  
Hays and Rose Covey, former Albany  
mayors, were elected to the city coun-  
cil. At that time Mr. Ahlgren was  
chief of the fire department.  
At the last election, held April 30,  
Mr. Mowday and Mr. Hays were

# Japan Says U. S. Loans Obtained Guns for China

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The  
United States government today  
denied the Japanese charge that  
the United States had obtained  
loans for the purpose of arming  
China.

# Crazed Pullman Workman Shook Foreman of Shop

WASHINGTON, April 21.—A  
Pullman workman today shook  
the foreman of his shop, and  
the Pullman company today  
announced that it was  
investigating the matter.

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# PLAN ROAD BLOCK TO CATCH CRIMINALS

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Albany city council today  
announced that it was  
planning to build a road block  
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# APPEAL ING CASE

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At Kansas miners, the general wanted, are hints on destroying machinery and equipment owned by strip mine operators.

He reported Glenn Mahall, 19-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. W. Earl Mahall, Country Club Drive, and Minnie Mae Mahall, Oakland, as dismembered. The youth suffered a compound frontal fracture of the skull late Friday night in a head-on

## EMINENT SCIENTISTS TO CONVENE AT U.S.

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TO CONVEGE AT U. C.**

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and outdoor fireplaces. At Live Oak Park alone 11,835 persons used the picnic area and thousands more used the grounds for quiet enjoyment and rest, besides getting new ideas of plants and flowers which we are introducing from time to time. Now roses have been added to the rose garden. 1500 square feet of new lawn composed of bent and fescue were put in on the east side of the park and a bridge connecting the two sides of Codornices Creek was constructed to give proper circulation. The opening up of new vistas and the improvement of landscapes from time to time are designed to make this park the most attractive in the district. Several Monterey cypress trees have been so badly damaged by the attacks of bark beetles that they have had to be removed; more are dying; and before long it will be necessary to cut down every tree of that variety. There is no adequate control for this destructive pest. Redwoods will be planted in their places. The War Mothers of Berkeley planted a redwood tree on Walnut Street where a memorial grove is contemplated. Several pageants were staged by the schools, the trees and shrubbery and lawns forming an admirable setting for such occasions. John Hinkol Park has the distinction of having a new outdoor theater built by men of the Civil Works Administration. The plans were drawn up by our landscape designer, Vernon Dean, who also supervised the project. Seating accommodation for 350 people was added by Park men and the theater was dedicated on Sunday, April 22nd, when 600 persons were present. Performances of "Midsummer Night's Dream" are to be given in July, and other plays will be staged later. It is hoped that this outdoor theater will supply a long-felt need and will provide wholesome entertainment for many interested in the drama.

Cragmont Rock Park has again been very popular as a view-point for the







winter months. The inclusion of children's dance numbers in our dramatic performances was well done and favorably received.

Attendances at classes under the S.E.R.A program alone amounted to 8329.

Handicraft Old discarded leather materials from basketballs, footballs or soccer balls have made some beautiful bookmarks, burnt pocketbooks and other worthwhile articles. Mat-making, soap carving, paper work, basket-making, model airplanes, boats and puppets are among the novel crafts which have been conducted with splendid results.

Dramatics We now have a year-round dramatic program which enlists hundreds of individuals who have never before utilized the opportunities offered by the Recreation Department.

The Berkeley Community Players last year produced during the:

Summer: Midsummer Night's Dream

Fall : Blue Bird, Fra Diavolo

Winter: Christmas Pageant "Feast of Yuletide"

Spring: Silver Thread, Hansel & Gretel, One Act Play Contest, The Tempest.

The plays given at John Hinkel Park were most creditably done and large audiences came repeatedly to witness them. Great credit is due Ferdinand T. Koboly and his able assistants, Mrs. Ellen Irwin Winter and Margaret Klink, for their untiring efforts in giving to Berkeley an unusual year-round community drama program. Details of the one-act play contest may be found in appendix on page 9.

The Christmas Pageant produced in the Men's Gymnasium of the University of California, featured over 400 Berkeley performers







Municipal Activities.

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PLAYGROUNDS

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1933-34</u>
City Hall	14432	12601	2483	29516	29699
Codornices	14645	12215	3851	30711	31327
Grove	26127	23236	15720	65083	60850
Grove Evening	1908	877	3952	6737	7658
James Kenney	68455	24341	40231	133027	163554
James Kenney Eve	14445	4950	3971	23366	21123
Live Oak	44342	27830	29434	101606	98043
Live Oak Eve	14417	4895	7396	26708	26979
San Pablo	70767	30130	119440	220337	300020
San Pablo Eve	8780	3473	8863	21116	32304
Totals -	278318	144548	235341	658207	777557

CLUBHOUSES

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Preceding Year</u>
Codornices	15089	11251
John Hinkel	7164	4567
Totals-	22253	15818

FIREPLACES

Codornices	7083	6985
John Garber Lower	3250	3062
John Garber Upper	1156	787
John Hinkel	4696	6945
Live Oak Lower	9552	12756
Live Oak Upper	1249	1185
San Pablo	30	20
Total s-	27016	31740

*John Hinkel Amphitheater	8869	--
*Christmas Pageant	6400	--
*United Artists Theatre Plays	850	--
*Four One-Act Plays & Playacting Con.	1161	--
Berkley Hiking Club	3296	2734
Bowling Green	5138	5692

SERA & EEP ACTIVITIES

Dancing..... 8329  
Singing..... 4913  
\*Dramatics (Attendance included under above)

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Band Concerts.....1250  
Easter Egg Hunt.....4500  
" Service-Cragmont Park.....8000  
Pet Show.....2800  
16550

Total Municipal Services- 762,982

Recreation Dept. Annual Report 1934/35  
First year of use of the amphitheater





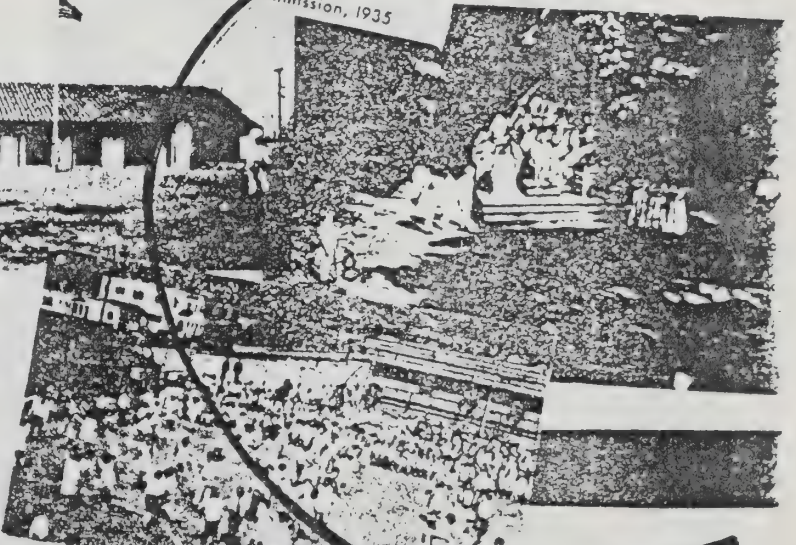
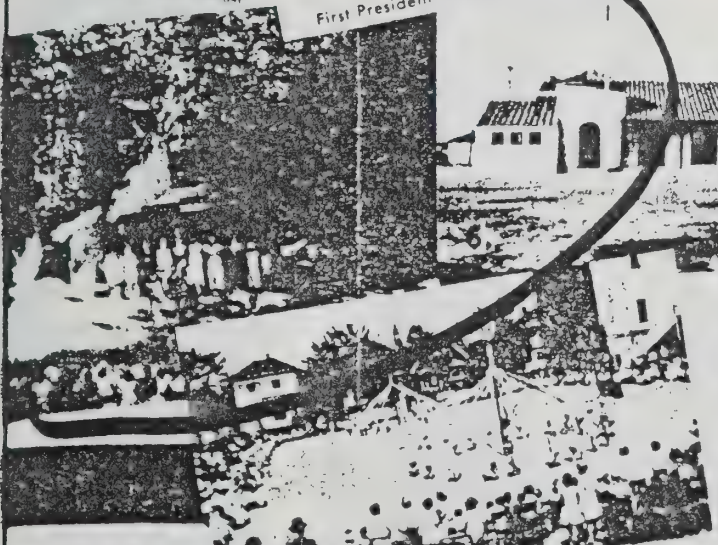




James T. Preston  
First President Playground Commission, 1910



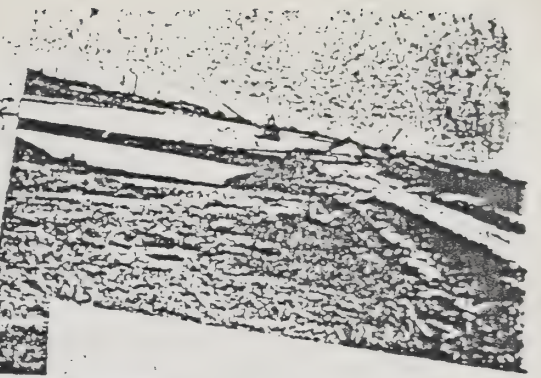
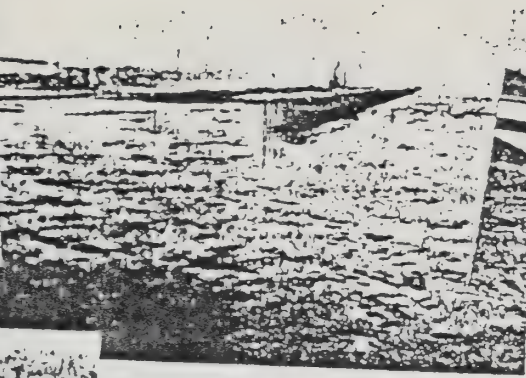
Miss Annie Woodall  
President Recreation Commission, 1935



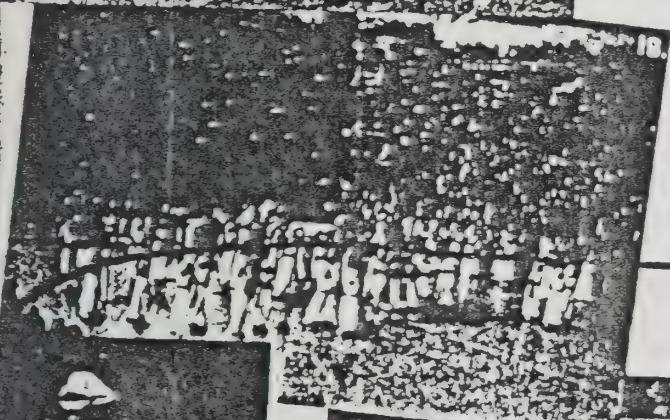
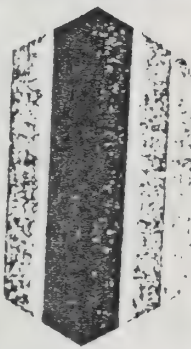
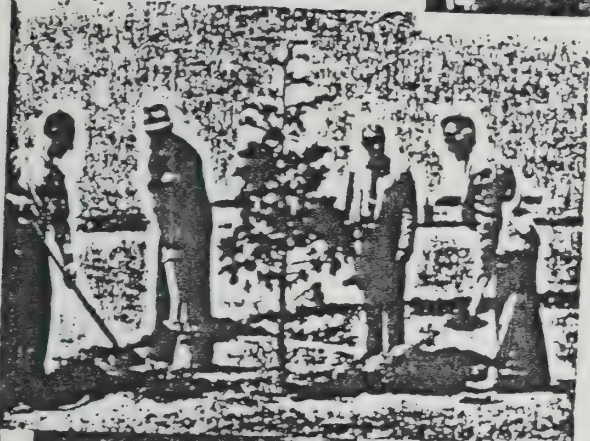




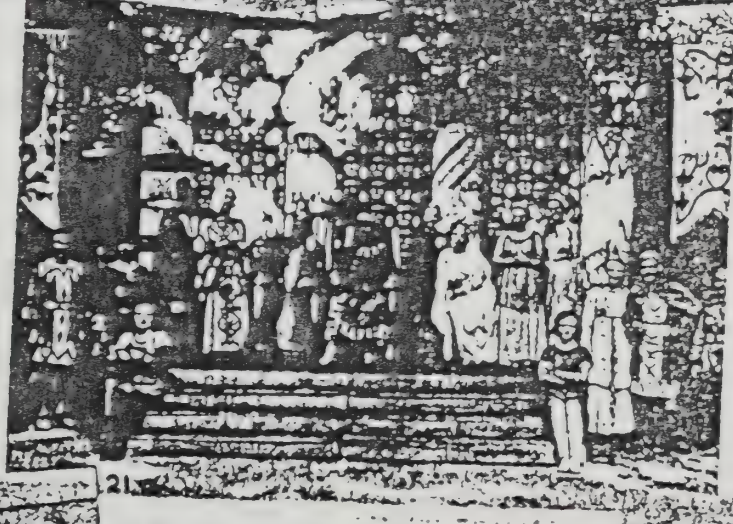




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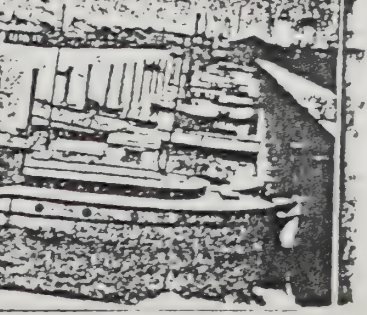
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Pictures of Performances







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usands of flower plants and bulbs to  
but colorful and attractive. A fine  
dil, narcoissus and Dutch iris bulbs  
was obtained by Charles W. Cresswell, the Assistant Superintendent of  
Recreation, from Mr. Arthur Bowman, President of the Oregon Bulb  
Growers Association, Portland, Oregon. Those were planted in Live  
Oak, Hinkel and Cragmont Parks, where they produced a wonderful show  
of bloom in the spring of this year. Other special bulbs were pre-  
sented by Dr. MacWhirter of the Oregon State College. Next year we  
expect an even better showing because of the natural increase of bulbs.  
The Garden Section of the Northbrae Women's Club has sponsored the  
landscaping of Codornices Playground and has provided generous supplies  
of flower seeds and native plants. Here also W.P.A. workers completed  
the six stone walls for the rose garden which it is hoped will be planted  
with 1000 rose bushes of the best kinds at the end of this year. Another  
W.P.A. project approved but not yet begun, will add a redwood pergola  
on the highest terrace of the rose garden and stone walks throughout the  
area. When the former is covered with climbing roses, the total effect  
will be very beautiful. The Berkeley Garden Club has been very active  
in their efforts to improve and beautify our city. Through their efforts,  
the members were able to have the little park at Marin Avenue and the  
Alameda officially named "Fremontia Park". They have donated shrubs and  
flower plants for planting here, and hope to make it one of the city's  
beauty spots. It is now full of color with the blooms of geraniums,  
staticeo, pentstemons, snapdragons and fuchsias.

John Hinkel Park has  
been used almost entirely for the presentation of plays by the Berkeley  
Community Players - a group sponsored by the Recreation Department. Shrubs  
and trees planted around the outdoor theatre are now fully developed pro-  
viding adequate shelter for audiences who have come in goodly numbers to







see the plays in this beautiful, natural setting. It is planned to make a Shakespearean garden in some suitable spot using plants and flowers referred to by Shakespeare in his plays. Live Oak Park has

continued to be the most popular picnic place in the City; 10,161 people registered as using the fireplace during the year and many more visited the park on sunny days and the Fourth of July celebrations. Increased planting of flowers has made this park very attractive to visitors who have voiced their appreciation on many occasions. Cragmont Park has been provided with an all-year-round supply of flowers and flowering shrubs, a delight to the many people who ascend the hill to obtain the wonderful view of the Bay region, as provided from the look-out station. About 7000 attended the Easter sunrise service conducted under perfect conditions of weather and arrangement. A surface drain to carry off storm water was constructed at the foot of the west lawn to prevent flooding of properties adjacent to the park. Stoneface Park has produced a fine showing of flowers during the year as a result of special efforts to make this a beauty spot of the neighborhood. Some of the property-owners have written in, expressing their appreciation of the work done by the gardener here, who also looks after six other small parks. All small parks such as Indian Rock Park, Mortar Rock Park, Frederick Park and Piedmont Parkway and Adeline Parkway have been kept in good condition, spaded, shrubs trimmed and flower plants put out in many locations, adding much by their colorful blooms through spring and summer. The parking districts of Northbrae and Cragmont have suffered through lack of men to care for them. Sickness and long spells of rainy weather made it impossible to get on the ground for weeks at a time, and in consequence weeds got

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not be done this year. Weeds still persist





For the followers of aquatic sports the Berkeley Aquatic Park, built between 1935 and 1940 with WPA labor, extends for a mile along the Bay shore between Ashby and University Avenues. Rowboats, small sailboats, and electric power boats traverse its placid surface. In one end of the tide-filled lagoon, kept at high level by the use of tide gates, model yachts are raced.

The Yacht Harbor, also constructed by the WPA with municipal sponsorship, is 4,000 feet long and 1,600 feet wide, ranging from four to thirty feet in depth. Earthen walls with rock facing protect craft in stormy weather from the waves of the Bay. There is berthing space for more than three hundred pleasure craft. The new white gambrel-roofed Yacht Club House serves as a social center. The long pier near-by, originally built three miles out into the Bay to meet the automobile ferries to San Francisco but now superseded by the Bay Bridge, is still in use as a fishing pier.

In addition to these resources, Berkeley was considering in 1941 the need for a municipal swimming pool, a museum, a "little theater," and more extensive play areas in the South Berkeley and Westbrae districts.

Besides its playgrounds, Berkeley maintains north of the campus a number of parks of a more decorative sort. Codornices Park, following the canyon of a creek, has been terraced and made into a rose garden; Mortar Rock Park, where Indians once ground their corn, affords a fine view of the Bay and the Marin County hills; Gragmont Rock Park, with its curious rock formations, surrounds a lofty lookout station where sunrise services are held on Easter; and John Hinkel Park, named for public-spirited John Hinkel, who presented it to the city, has an outdoor theater where the Berkeley Community Players give performances during the summer.

Outside its boundaries the city maintains three mountain playgrounds. It leased from the Federal Government in 1923 a portion of Tahoe National Forest near Echo Lake. Here, at an elevation of 7,600 feet near the summit of the Placerville-Tahoe Highway, summer cabins and camping

Berkeley - The First 75 years





REPORT  
of  
BERKELEY COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Year 1938 - 1939

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Many notable productions marked the sixth year of the Berkeley Community Players' history. The "Family Theatre" was introduced early in 1939 and met with an intelligent and enthusiastic response not only from the parents and children who acted, danced, sang and made scenery and costumes together, but also from well known educators and recreation leaders. National publicity was given the Berkeley "Family Theatre" through an illustrated article in the Christian Science Monitor.

Another outstanding event, which also attracted national attention was the staging and directing of the Oakland Sesquicentennial Pageant, commemorating the one hundredth and fiftieth anniversary of George Washington's inauguration. Congressman Sol Bloom, national director general of the Sesquicentennial Commission, personally reported on the pageant to the United States Congress.

The performances of Ibsen's "Peer Gynt", staged in the John Hinkel Amphitheatre last fall, assumed the proportions of an international festival of good-will, with the participation of the combined choruses and dancing groups of the Bay District Scandinavian societies. Consular representatives of these countries who saw the performance were high in their praise.





Drama". This has proved to be the most popular drama activity in Berkeley. A hundred and fifty amateurs are continually on call to act in these dramas, and are given an opportunity to perform as fast as possible. The radio programs have been the most effective means so far discovered for popularizing the drama program among both the participants and the general public.

The history of Berkeley, and various departments of the city government have been dramatized and presented over the air by the Community Players. It is planned to extend this type of public service during the coming year. A weekly news-cast of recreational events is presented each week, following the broadcast of the play.

The 1938 summer drama season in John Hinkel Amphitheatre opened with a production of "The World We Live In", - the first contemporary royalty play that the Community Players have produced. Credit for the success of this venture into the field of modern royalty plays must go to the players themselves, who were so loyal and enthusiastic that they volunteered to contribute to the royalty fee out of their own pockets. Since all of the group are working people with low budgets, this was evidence of a sincere and genuine interest in good drama.

One of the least publicized, but most valuable functions of the Community Players is the opportunity it offers for social recreation and character-building. The director and assistant director could cite many case histories of people who have come to the player group suffering from emotional and personality disturbances, which have disappeared or been alleviated under the socialized activity of play production.

Not only the amateur actor, but those who enjoy music, dancing, art and design, as recreational hobbies, find an opportunity to satisfy these desires in the Community Players, and we believe that the organization is providing an activized center for cultural recreation throughout the community.





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List of Additions & Betterments-1934-35

Playgrounds

Floodlight & time clock	City Hall
600' drainage system	Codornices
Drinking fountain	"
3 Benches	"
Basketball backstops	Grove
3 Benches	"
Screen & andirons	Jas Kenney
Cement steps to tennis cts	"
Cement steps-north entrance	"
Backstop to protect building	"
Electric light-west entrance	"
3 tables for handiwork	"
Piano	"
Lights, theater area	John Hinkel
Piano	"
Gas plate for kitchen	"
Fence along Shattuck	Live Oak
Basketball backstops	"
New surfacing 80'x100'	"
Floodlighting, ball area	"
3 sets 18' bleachers	San Pablo
Baseball backstop	"
4 Benches	"
Becca ball boards	"
Horseshoe supply box	"
Backstage curtains	"

List of Repairs 1934-35.

Small slide, teeter, fence	City Hall
Anchor baby swings	"
Paint supply house	"
Baseball backstop, fountain	Codornices
Links for swings	"
Replaster walls inside hall	"
Sandbox, teeters, sign, basketball backstop	Grove
Repaint sign	"
Links for traveling rings	"
Front porch, front & rear steps	"
Plaster in front room	"
Paint flagpole	"
Traveling rings, backstop, benches & arbor, bulletin board	Jas Kenney
Replace canvas on backstop	"
Seats for swings	"
Fulcrum & teeter board	"
Cement drain from buildings	"
Paint tops of bleachers	"

Parks

Royal typewriter	
1450 street trees	
4 lawn mowers	
Myer's spray gun	
Small power spray outfit	
50' spray hose	
2 safety belts	
Bench microscope	
1-20' ladder	
1-30' ladder	
Electric drill press	
Electric grindstone	
Electric heating apparatus for hotbed-Nursery	
Power mower	Bowling Green
Fertiliser spreader	"
Picnic table & seats	John Garber
Bridge nr waterfall	John Hinkel
Piano box	"
Redwood & flowering cherry trees	Live Oak
6 benches	"

List of Repairs 1934-35

200' redwood curbs	
Resurface driveway	Cragmont
Paint sign	"
Paint building	Hopkins & Alameda
75' sidewalk re-placed	John Hinkel
Hi-way fence-lower entrance	"
Whitewash aviary	Live Oak
Tool-box	"
Steps from creek	"

Playground Repairs (contd)

Paint flagpole	Jas Kenney
Paint sign	John Hinkel
Teeter & iron band	"
Replace toilet tank fittings	"
Paint porch floor	"
Fences, slide, traveling rings, pergola	Live Oak





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massive base of concrete. This was done with a handsome flag donated by the Berkeley Lodge of Elks.

#### PARKS

All parks have been maintained in good condition during the year though the park caretakers have had to assist in other work from time to time. Owing to record rains from December to May we have been faced with the cleaning up of huge crops of weeds in areas all over the city where no regular men are stationed - Arlington Avenue, Boynton Avenue, Vassar Avenue, Parkside Drive, Adeline Parkway and many other small triangles and walks.

Park maintenance has to be kept up day after day; unlike much city work which, when done once, is good for a considerable time, our men perform operations which sometimes are repeated daily; otherwise the parks would deteriorate rapidly. Here are some typical tasks which preserve the appearance and utility of those areas where people love to congregate; mowing lawns, clipping lawn edges, watering lawns, spading borders, hoeing weeds, planting shrubs and flower plants, pruning trees, shrubs and dead portions of perennials, spraying, raking leaves, cleaning walks, washing restrooms and facilities, chopping firewood at picnic areas, and making minor repairs to all equipment. Berkeley park men also are encouraged and trained to handle the public, answer questions and give assistance where required.

Specific improvements were made as follows: At Fromontia Park a new sprinkling system was installed to provide more efficient operation; at John Hinkel Park all wooden fences bordering the creek were replaced as well as lights for the outdoor theater; fences were replaced at Codornicos Rose Garden, and several flights of masonry steps were installed; three sets of steps were built at Lido Oak Park;





5. Line-painters--2 men are employed to keep playground lines in condition. These men aid in janitorial work on the playgrounds.
6. Janitors--3 janitors care for the grounds and building at the project headquarters and on other playgrounds.
7. Musicians--10 dance band musicians, known as the "Utah Cowboys" play at community centers throughout the city. Their services are free for any social affair to which the public is admitted and for which there are no admission charges.
8. Sign and poster painters--2 men do all the sign and poster painting for the project and the Recreation Department. Much of this is necessary display advertising and was formerly done by outside agencies.
9. Piano Accompanists--4 piano accompanists assist in the schools and on the playgrounds as accompanists for physical education classes, dancing, rhythmic, and for special events such as pageants and plays.
10. Research worker--A trained research worker does statistical work for the Recreation Department and the project, gathering material relative to recreation administration and compiling drafts, figures and facts concerning recreation work in Berkeley.
11. Publicity Writer--A member of the Drama Division works half-time at publicity writing, preparing all news-stories, radio scripts and other publicity material for the city Recreation Department and for the project.
12. Workers in the Drama Division--The Division of Drama has a personnel of twenty, among whom are production assistants, carpenters, stage hands and seamstresses. The Supervisor of Drama is the Director of the Berkeley Community Players whose activities are outlined elsewhere in this report.
13. Supervisors--3 supervisors administer the work of the project. The Project Supervisor, the Supervisor of Training and Supervisor of Drama.

The total attendance for the year July, 1936 to June, 1937, inclusive, at all playgrounds and activities supervised by W.P.A. workers was 455,255.

#### Personnel

With the advent of better business conditions, increased employment and higher wages, it becomes more difficult to secure

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Community Chest Pageant - "Berkeley's Answer" In connection with Berkeley's Community Chest drive in February, a huge pageant, depicting the work of the various social agencies, was presented at the Campus Theater to several thousand people. In addition to directing the pageant, Mr. Keboly and his assistants prepared several one-act plays, demonstrating Community Chest work, which were presented before luncheon clubs, church groups and women's clubs.

Third Annual Playwriting Contest A one-act playwriting contest was sponsored for local authors who make playwriting their recreational hobby. The following four winning plays were honored by a public presentation at the Codornices Clubhouse.

Never, Navarrel	by Arthur Price
Destiny by Genevieve	by Clarice Wardell
Waddin' Dress	by Eugenia Halvorsen
Not in the Code	by O.H. Dunham

Fourth Annual Drama Tournament Fourteen Berkeley drama organizations competed for the Lester Hink Drama Cup, with productions of one-act plays in the Berkeley High School Auditorium. The prize-winning play "TORCHES", produced by the Littlest Theater, was sent to San Francisco as Berkeley's representative, where it won first place in the Northern California Drama Tournament. This year all of the contestants were given practical assistance in the technical problems of lighting, staging and costuming by the staff of the Community Players.

Winter's Tale This romantic comedy by Shakespeare opened the third consecutive outdoor season of the John Hinkel Amphitheater. Five performances were given. The production received flattering reviews in both local and San Francisco papers.





In addition to the work in play production, the department has collected and classified informational material relative to the drama which is available for the use of the public.

Two major productions are now in preparation by the Community Players: A Shakespeare Festival and the famous American classic, "Rip Van Winkle". The Shakespeare Festival will be presented in connection with the dedication of a permanent Shakespeare garden in John Hinkel Park. It is planned to take "Rip Van Winkle" into the schools, so that all Berkeley children will have an opportunity to see this literary classic.

Attendance Record for Drama Activities

Audiences.....13,350

Participants.....18,220  
(Actors, staff,  
etc.)

Total.....31,570

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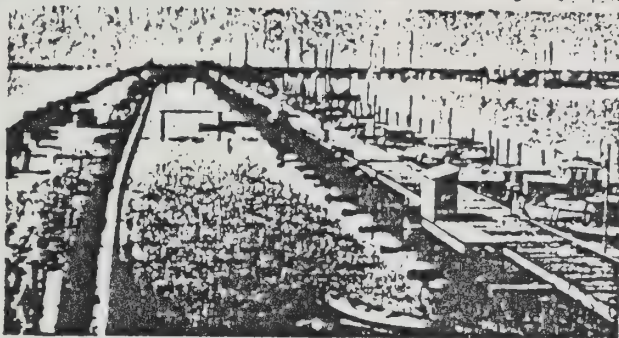
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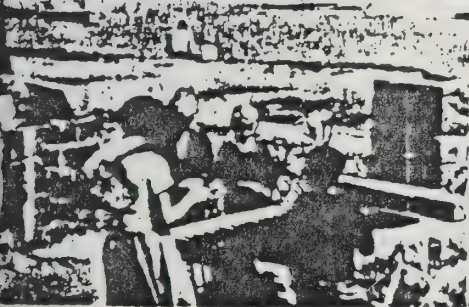




Prof. Harry W. Shepherd  
Recreation Commissioner



Lex Jensen  
Recreation Commissioner



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Picture of a production  
of Winter's Tale









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### Co-Recreation Activities

Tennis  
Badminton  
Bowling, lawn  
Folk dancing  
Volleyball  
Hiking  
Social Recreation Institute  
Swimming classes  
Sailing  
Archery  
Pro-Snow Festival (Ski School) over  
1000 persons registered.

### Holiday Observances

Fourth of July - Outboard motor boat races, speedboat races, fishing derby, model yachting, fireworks, old fashioned picnic and patriotic observances.  
Patriotic play & Greek Theater  
Christmas - Mayor's Party - Christmas program featuring music, young people's symphony, church choirs of all denominations, Santa Claus and gifts. Special programs on individual playgrounds.  
Collection and repair of toys for re-distribution to needy. Caroling groups organized (evening school)  
Easter - Easter morning religious services.  
Twelfth Night Celebration.

### DRAMATICS

"Pomander Walk"  
"It Never Rains"  
Fourth of July Pageant sponsored by the Berkeley Festival Association.  
"Under the Gas Lights"  
"Christmas Play"  
Workshop Productions - one act plays

Dramatics activity curtailed due to loss of personnel after January 30, 1941.

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### Co-Recreation Activities

Tennis  
Badminton  
Bowling, lawn  
Folk dancing  
Volleyball  
Hiking  
Social Recreation Institute  
Swimming classes  
Sailing  
Archery  
Pre-Snow Festival (Ski School) over  
1000 persons registered.

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## ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

### Municipal Activities

<u>Playgrounds</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>1942-43</u>
Codornices	6548	4811	3147	14506	19350
Grove	21723	14579	4188	40490	57653
Grove (Evo)	8088	4995	4429	17512	25630
James Kenney	32724	15429	11438	59591	78654
James Kenney (Evo)	11571	4710	7896	24167	38236
Live Oak	23936	19377	16497	59812	75473
Live Oak (Evo)	4921	5180	3372	11473	24436
San Pablo	33436	12265	42496	88197	248484
San Pablo (Evo)	19134	6752	16270	42156	48620
Totals	162083	86098	109723	357904	616736

### CLUBHOUSES

Total      1942-43

Codornices	7556	6278
John Minkel	6882	7538
John Minkel Amphitheatre	500	-

Totals      14938      13866

### FIREPLACES

Codornices	5353	5856
John Garber Lower	628	845
John Garber Upper	176	68
John Minkel	3415	2704
Live Oak Upper	1062	979
Live Oak Lower	7219	6413
San Pablo	320	164
Totals	18174	18019

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

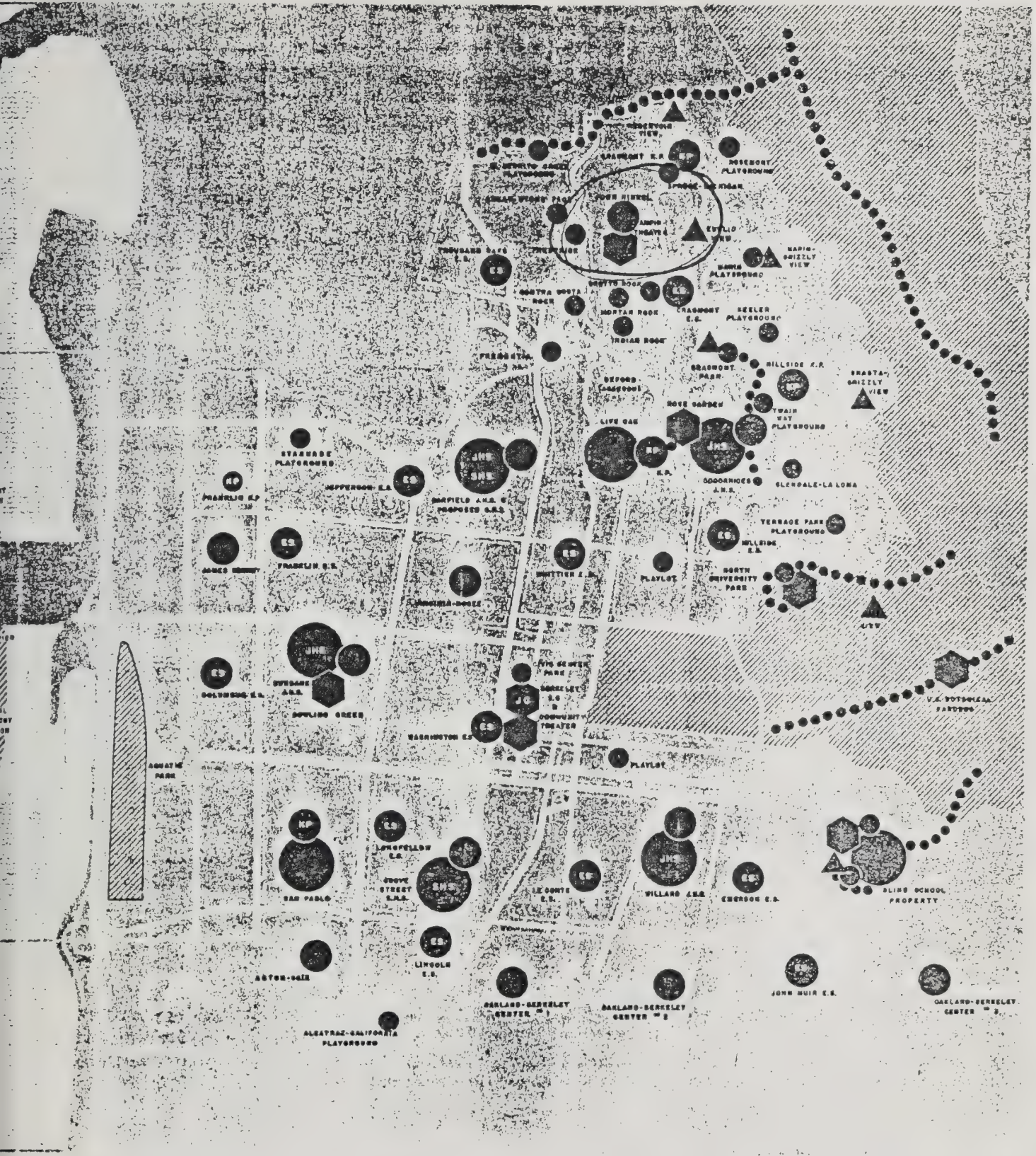
Aquatic Park & Model Yacht Pool	62806	116630
Berkeley Folk Dancers	6310	-
Berkeley Hiking Club	1550	1500
Boating	14750	13960
Bowling Green	3690	3635
Rose Week	5000	4000
Civic Center Events	1500	-
Mayor's Christmas Party	660	-

Total Municipal Services - 486,622





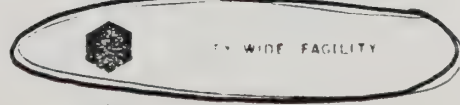








# GENERALIZED RECREATION PLAN (NEIGHBORHOOD, DISTRICT, CITY-WIDE AND REGIONAL)



## LEGEND

-  DISTRICT FACILITY
-  NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITY
-  SUPPLEMENTARY NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITY
-  RECREATION CENTER INTEGRATED WITH SCHOOL
-  CITY-WIDE FACILITY
-  POINT
-  HIKING TRAIL
-  EXISTING REGIONAL AREA
-  POTENTIAL REGIONAL AREA





This Directory of Recreational Information is offered by the Berkeley Recreation and Parks Department to give information about the numerous leisure time activities provided by the Municipal government and the Berkeley Board of Education. Agencies of the Berkeley Council of Social Welfare and places of interest in the Bay Area are also indicated.

## CITY AND SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

A year-round program of supervised play is conducted on Berkeley's six city and eighteen school playgrounds. During the summer vacation, all the school playgrounds are supervised from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Codornices and Terrace View playgrounds from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays. The City Community Center playgrounds are supervised from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

## CITY PLAYGROUND AND CENTERS

Cornucopia	1201 Euclid Avenue, TH 8-7305
Grove Center	1730 Oregon Street, TH 8-7966
James Kenney Center	8th & Delaware, LA 4-0664
Live Oak Center	Shattuck & Berryman, TH 5-1719
San Pablo Center	Mabel & Oregon, TH 1-0637
Terrace View	Fairlawn & Queens

## SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH

THornwall 1-1422

Berkeley High School	Milvia & Durant
Burbank Junior High	Bonar & University
Garfield Junior High	Pose & Grant
Willard Junior High	Telegraph & Ward

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

THornwall 1-1422

Columbus	9th & Allston
Cragmont	Regal & Marin
Emerson	Piedmont & Forest
Franklin	Virginia & San Pablo
Hillside	LeRoy & Buena Vista
Hillside Primary	Sterling & Whitaker
Jefferson	Rose & Sacramento
John Muir	Clairemont & Clairemont Ct.
LeConte	Ellsworth & Russell
Lincoln	Ellis & Prince
Longfellow	Ward & Sacramento
Oxford	Oxford & Euclid
Thousand Oaks	Colusa & Catalina
Washington	Bancroft & Grove
Whittier	Virginia & Milvia

## GYMNASIUMS

(May be used by organized Berkeley groups upon application to Recreation Department)

Burbank Junior High School	Bonar & University
Garfield Junior High School	Rose & Josephine
Willard Junior High School	Telegraph & Ward

(Boys and girls gyms at all Junior High Schools)

## CITY CLUBHOUSES

Obtain Permit from Recreation Department—TH 1-0200

Live Oak	Shattuck & Berryman
John Hinkel	San Diego & Southampton
San Pablo	Mabel & Oregon
James Kenney	Delaware & Pine Street
City	Telegraph & Ward
Terrace View	Milvia & Mabel

## SMALL CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS

Small Children's Playgrounds  
(for tots accompanied by parents)

Totland	Virginia & McGee
Civic Center	Grove & Center Streets
Live Oak	Shattuck & Berryman
Terrace View	Fairlawn & Queens

## FIREPLACES AND PICNIC AREAS

Obtain Permit from Recreation Department—TH 1-0200

Aquatic Park	Foot of Addison Street
Codornices Park	Euclid & Bayview Place
John Hinkel Park	San Diego & Southampton
Live Oak Park	Shattuck & Berryman
San Pablo Park	Mabel & Oregon

## OPEN AIR THEATRE

John Hinkel Amphitheatre..... San Diego & Southampton

## PUBLIC TENNIS COURTS

Cornucopia—3 courts	Euclid & Euclid
Garfield Jr. High School—5 courts	Hopkins & Josephine
Grove—3 courts	Grove & Oregon
James Kenney—2 courts	8th & Delaware
Live Oak—2 courts	Shattuck & Berryman
Berkeley High School—5 courts	Milvia & Durant
San Pablo—4 courts	Mabel & Ward

For Tennis Instruction Information call Recreation Department

## SHUFFLEBOARD COURTS

Civic Center	Grove & Allston
Live Oak	Shattuck & Berryman

## NIGHT LIGHTED AREAS

(Obtain Permit from Recreation Department)

Grove Playground, 2828 Grove Street	Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Wading Pool.
James Kenney Playground, 8th & Delaware	Softball, Baseball, Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis, Horseshoes, Bocce Ball.
Live Oak Playground, Shattuck & Berryman	Basketball, Tennis, Play Area, Volley Court
San Pablo Playground, Mabel & Russell	Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, Basketball, Horseshoes, Tennis Courts, Croquet and Play Area.

## ADULT GROUP ACTIVITIES

### Folk Dancing

**Berkeley Folk Dancers** at Berkeley Clubhouse, 1750 Oregon Street, TH 8-7966. For information call Mrs. Myram Heath, LA 5-1966.  
**Advanced Beginner Folk Dancers** at Berkeley Clubhouse, 1750 Oregon Street, TH 8-7966. For information call Mrs. Myram Heath, LA 5-1966.

**B.B. Rounders** at James Kenney Center, 8th & Delaware, LA 4-0664. For information call Mrs. Myram Heath, LA 5-1966.

**Tenderfoot Twirler Square Dancers** and Fall Dancers meet every Thursday night at James Kenney Center, 8th & Delaware, LA 4-0664. For information call Mrs. Myram Heath, LA 5-1966.

**Berkeley Dance Cooperative-Creative Dancing**. For Summer and Fall dates and place call Mrs. Myram Heath, TH 8-7966.

**East Bay Merry-Mixers**. For Summer and Fall schedule call Mrs. Lillian Young, TH 8-7414.

**Garfield Folk Dancers** at Willard Junior High School, Telegraph & Ward. Summer schedule: Tuesdays (Autumn), Wednesdays (Winter), Thursdays (Spring). Hours: 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. For Fall schedule call Dorothy Moen, TH 8-7492.

**Berkeley-Albany Senior Folk Dancers**. Discontinued during the summer. For information and Fall starting date call Mrs. Myram Heath, LA 5-1966.

### Dramatic Activities

**Berkeley Community Players**—Violet Hofstetter—TH 5-6811 (home) AS 5-6773 (business).

### Senior Citizen Activities

**Senior League** at Grove Clubhouse, 1750 Oregon Street, Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Live Oak Seniors** at Live Oak Community Center (Berryman and Shattuck), Tuesdays, from 10:30 to 4 p.m.

**Forty-Niners Dance Club** at James Kenney Clubhouse (Delaware & 8th Streets). For information call Mrs. Frank Thomas, LA 6-8177.

**Senior Citizen Bus Trips**—Mrs. Grace Krumland, TH 3-6409.

**Berkeley-Albany Senior Folk Dancing**. For information call Mrs. Myram Heath, LA 5-1966.

**Sunday Entertainments**—Palm Room of YMCA (Third Sunday each month except July and August).

**"December Brides" and Grooms**—Card players, Wednesdays, 1:30 to 4:30, YMCA (Allston & Milvia).

**Shuffleboard Club**, Civic Center, daily. For information regarding Senior Citizen activities call Miss Jacqueline Watkins, TH 1-0200 or BE 2-3097.

### Other

**Badminton**—Garfield Gymnasium, Monday nights, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. (Discontinued during Summer). For Fall starting date call Clyde Ulry, LA 4-2969.

**Bay Area Golf Club** at San Pablo Playground, William Haywood, TH 1-0637.

**Berkeley Saddle Slappers Riding Club**—Alta Huber, TH 1-0200.

**Berkeley Ski Club** at Live Oak Center, 1st Tuesday of each month. For information call Arno Gustavson, TH 1-0200.

**Chess Club** at Live Oak Playground, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. Elmer Nelson, TH 5-1719.

**Hiking Club**—TH 1-0200, or call Herbert Read, LA 6-3864.

**Lawn Bowling Club**—Meets at 1:00 o'clock Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Bowling Green, Allston & Acton, TH 1-0200.

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Players of two 3-act plays and Children's Summer Theatre of one play; (10) Fall Travel Series of movies (co-sponsored by Travel Service, Inc.) which were attended by 1,100 persons and brought \$1,190 in donations for campership fund; (11) "Lenten" concert (co-sponsored by School District) presentation by Young People's Symphony and High School A Capella Choir with 1,700 in attendance; (12) Berkeley High School band concert at Live Oak Park drew 400 people; (13) a series of music and dance programs at John Hinkel Amphitheater including piano, folk song, barber-shop quartet, Co-ed Chorus and folk dance concerts.

The department sponsored many special interest groups and clubs including the Senior Citizen Club who met at Live Oak Park; the Berkeley Senior League who met at Grove Park; and the Forty-Niners Dance Club. These Senior Citizen groups took part in bus trips to places of interest, dancing, travel films, dynamic relaxation exercises, geographical study, a hobby show, parties, card playing, and "Get Acquainted Drop-Ins". The program of the Adult Physically Handicapped group who met once a week, included activities geared to the need of the participating members. They enjoyed arts and crafts, creative writing, book reviews, dress making, excursions, picnics, debates, nature study, travel, movies, games and a library service. Eighty-eight hikes and trips were taken by the Hiking Club. Six adult dance groups met regularly to enjoy folk dancing, American round-patterned dancing or creative dancing. Approximately 300 members of the Live Oak Bridge Club, which is divided into five sections, met once a week. The Camera Club met three times a week and involved approximately 125 persons each month. The Movie Club's twenty-five members met once a month. The Ski Club with a membership of 110 persons enjoyed as a group a trip to Sun Valley, and, as individuals, spent many week ends at the Berkeley Ski Lodge on which the Club has a lease.

In cooperation with the national program suggested by President Eisenhower's Committee on Youth Fitness, special emphasis was placed on sport activities during the year. In cooperation with the Berkeley Tennis Committee and California Youth Foundation, a successful summer program of tennis instruction was enjoyed by 570 boys and girls and 150 adults. Two hundred persons took part in the Charles W. Davis Tennis Tournament. Four hundred and ninety-one persons signed up for the first of the five sessions in the 1960 "Learn to Swim" program sponsored by the Department in cooperation with the Berkeley Chapter of the American Red Cross. In addition, 765 persons participated in the Public Swimming Program.

District track meets culminated in a City-wide meet enjoyed by 160 participants and spectators. A playground and park pentathlon, which included 450 boys and girls, was followed by a Youth Fitness Day with 200 children taking part in the program. One hundred sixty persons attended the Northern California Badminton Tournament held at the Berkeley High School gymnasiums.

The three divisions in the Berkeley Youth League (Department cooperates in program) which began its annual league play in June are the Little League which includes the National, Continental and American Leagues with eight teams each of boys ages nine through twelve, the Babe Ruth League for boys thirteen through fifteen with 6 teams, and the Connie Mack League with 6 teams (2 from Berkeley and 4 from other cities) for boys ages sixteen through nineteen.







Karl Saurin

Felicity LaFortune and Max Drew in "The Taming of the Shrew" (1976)

## The Critics Loved It!

"The setting, the wooded amphitheater at John Hinkel Park in Berkeley, is itself magical, the dappled sunlight pouring through the greenery. Musicians are playing medieval tunes. We 'groundlings' sit on blankets and eat our lunches while the players prepare the show."

**S.F. Chronicle, June, 1976**

"A hillside amphitheatre among trees, a cool breeze, a full moon, and the incomparable magic of Shakespeare's poetry spoken so that hardly a syllable was lost. That was Berkeley Shakespeare Festival's staging of Richard III as I saw it..."

**Hayward Daily Review, Aug. 11, 1977**

"... (Richard III) is the best integrated Shakespeare I have seen at the community theatre level in this country. Kevin Gardiner is simply excellent as Richard."

**Daily Californian, Sept. 1, 1977**

"The Berkeley Shakespeare Festival's current 'Much Ado About Nothing' is an enjoyable rendition of this difficult, seldom-performed comedy. Put all this in the wonderful John Hinkel Park Amphitheatre—with birds twittering in the trees, sun dappling through the leaves, fresh air—and the theatrical experience is enhanced..."

**S.F. Chronicle, July 12, 1977**

"From the very first moments of Will Huddleston's Berkeley Shakespeare Festival production of 'Measure for Measure' one is aware of a resourceful intelligence at work... his production is so clean, comprehensible, and firmly directed."

**S.F. Chronicle, Sept. 7, 1977**





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